

DECLARATION

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,
DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- ☒ original
☐ design
☐ supplemental

NOTE: If the declaration is for an international application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items:

- ☐ national stage of PCT.

NOTE: If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach added pages for divisional, continuation or c-i-p.

- ☐ divisional
☐ continuation
☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P)

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
(b) ☒ was filed on May 23, 2000 as Serial No. 09/576,831.

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NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b))

(complete the following where a supplemental declaration is being submitted)

☐ I hereby declare that the subject matter of the

☐ attached amendment

☐ amendment filed on _____

was part of my/our invention before the filing date of the original application, above-identified, for such invention.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information,

- ☒ which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56

(also check the following items, if desired)

- ☐ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

- ☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d))

NOTE: "The claim to priority need be in no special form and may be made by the attorney or agent if the foreign application is referred to in the oath or declaration as required by § 1.63. The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. 119(b) must be filed in the case of an interference (§ 1.630), when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner, when specifically required by the examiner, and in all other situations, before the patent is granted. If the claim for priority or the certified copy of the foreign application is filed after the date the issue fee is paid, it must be accompanied by a petition requesting entry and by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i). If the certified copy is not in the English language, a translation need not be filed except in the case of interference; or when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner; or when specifically required by the examiner, in which event an English language translation must be filed together with a statement that the translation of the certified copy is accurate." 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at

least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d) ☐ no such applications have been filed.

(e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the international application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)

| Country (or indicate if PCT) | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) | Priority Claimed Under 37 USC 119 | | | |
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) (34 U.S.C. § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| Provisional Application Number | Filing Date |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER US/PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

☐ The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN PART (C-I-P) APPLICATION.

ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

NOTE: If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation or C-I-P application for benefit of the prior U.S. Or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

Full name of sole or first inventor

Peter _____ E. _____ Leach _____
(GIVEN NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)
Inventor's signature Peter E. Leach
Date 8/8/00 Country of Citizenship USA
Residence 20 Springwood Drive, Hooksett, NH 03106
Post Office Address Same

Full name of second joint inventor, if any

Christopher _____ M. _____ Gallant _____
(GIVEN NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)
Inventor's signature Chris Gallant
Date 8/7/00 Country of Citizenship USA
Residence 21 Ledge Farm Road, Nottingham, NH 03290
Post Office Address same

Full name of third joint inventor, if any

(GIVEN NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)
Inventor's signature _____
Date _____ Country of Citizenship _____
R sidence _____
Post Office Address _____

(check proper box(es) for any of the following added page(s) that form a part of this declaration)

☐ Signature for fourth and subsequent joint inventors. NUMBER OF PAGES ADDED _____

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☐ Signature by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor. NUMBER OF PAGES ADDED _____

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☐ Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 CFR 1.47. NUMBER OF PAGES ADDED _____

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☐ Added page for signature by one joint inventor on behalf of deceased inventor(s) where legal representative cannot be appointed in time (37 CFR 1.47).

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☐ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

☐ Number of pages added _____

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☐ Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

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(if no further pages form a part of this Declaration, then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item)

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DOC DATE: 08/08/2000

ASSIGNOR:

GALLANT, CHRISTOPHER M.

DOC DATE: 08/07/2000

ASSIGNEE:

VELCRO INDUSTRIES B.V.
CASTORWEG 22-24
CURACAU, NETHERLD ANTILLES

SERIAL NUMBER: 09576831
PATENT NUMBER:

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ASSIGNMENT

I, Peter E. Leach, of 20 Springwood Drive, Hooksett, NH 03106; and
I, Christopher M. Gallant, of 21 Ledge Farm Road, Nottingham, NH 03290,
referred to below as "ASSIGNOR", have certain rights in an invention entitled
SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER, and which is found in a U.S. Patent Application,
filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 23, 2000,
U.S.S.N. 09/576,831 (the "INVENTION"). In consideration of One Dollar and other
valuable consideration paid to me by VELCRO INDUSTRIES B.V., a Netherlands
corporation, having its principal place of business at Castorweg 22-24, Curacao,
The Netherlands Antilles ("ASSIGNEE"), the receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged, ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE
its successors and assigns, ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest for the
United States of America and all foreign countries including all rights of
priority in said INVENTION or improvement(s) in the INVENTION, patent
application(s) and patent(s) listed above and in all Letters Patent of the United
States and all foreign countries which may or shall be granted on said
INVENTION(s), or any parts thereof, or on said applications, or any divisional,
continuing, reissue or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. And
ASSIGNOR agrees, for ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNOR'S heirs, successors and assigns with
said ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns but at its expense and charges,
hereafter to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters
Patent in the United States and in all other countries to said ASSIGNEE, with
specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of
said ASSIGNEE and to vest and confirm in said ASSIGNEE, its successors and
assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

And ASSIGNOR does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and
Trademarks of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted
upon said application or applications based thereon to said ASSIGNEE, its successors
and assigns.

WITNESS my hand and seal:

ASSIGNOR: Peter E. Leach

Peter E. Leach

Date:

3/8/00

ASSIGNOR: Christopher M. Gallant

Chris Gallant

Date:

8/7/00

The above named Peter E. Leach and Christopher M. Gallant personally appeared
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, on
the date indicated.

Notary Public

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

[X] In re application of: Peter E. Leach and Christopher M. Gallant

Serial No.: 09/576,831
Filed: May 23, 2000
For: SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER

Group No.: 1772
Examiner:

[] Patent No:

Issued:

**Note Insert name(s) of inventor(s) and title also for patent.*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST
(REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified

[X] application,

[] patent,

REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY

all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and

NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY

the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

(list name and registration number)

Steven J. Weissburg

Reg. No. 31-581

(check the following item, if applicable)

[] Attached as part of this power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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(type or print identity of assignee of entire interest)

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Attached to this power is a "CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)".

AUG 14 2000

Date

Signature

Robert J. Huyzen

(type or print name of person authorized to sign on
behalf of assignee)

Managing Director

Title

NOTE: The assignee of the entire interest may revoke previous powers and be represented by an attorney of his or her selection. 37 CFR 1.36.

(check the following item if it forms a part of this power of attorney)

☐ Added page-Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant: Peter E. Leach and Christopher M. Gallant
Application No.: 09/576,831 Filed: May 23, 2000
For: SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER
Velcro Industries B.V., a corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment is being recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office. A copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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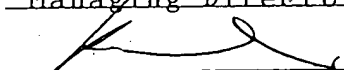
☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: AUG 14 2000
Name: Robert J. Huyzen
Title: Managing Director
Signature: 

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INVENTION(s), or any parts thereof, or on said applications, or any divisional,
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ASSIGNOR agrees, for ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNOR'S heirs, successors and assigns with
said ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns but at its expense and charges,
hereafter to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters
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specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of
said ASSIGNEE and to vest and confirm in said ASSIGNEE, its successors and
assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

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Peter E. Leach

Date:

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Chris Gallant

Date:

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